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September, 13, 2005

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: In the Matter of Federal-State Board on Universal Service
Petition for FCC Agreement in Redefining the Service Areas of Rural
Telephone Companies in the State of South Dakota, CC Docket No.
96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached for filing is a copy of the Reply Comments of the South Dakota
Public Utilities Commission for the above-listed docket.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rolayne Ailts Wiest
ROLAYNE AILTS WIEST
SDPUC Attorney